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SUBJECT: YEMEN AIR LINES

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REF: AMMAN 2415; SANAA 769

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, 'UMAR SAQQAF,
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AND ECONOMY MINISTER AL-ASNAG ON QUESTION OF
ALIA ARRANGEMENT WITH YEMEN AIRLINES (YAL) AND OTHER
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2. I RELAYED SUBSTANCE OF AMBASSADOR BROWN'S CONVER-
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